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§10:122D-2.5 Health care services

(a) The Division representative shall make every reasonable effort to assure that each child in out-of-home placement receives appropriate and necessary health care, including mental/behavioral health services.

(b) For each child initially entering out-of-home placement, the Division representative shall obtain a pre-placement assessment at the time of placement. The Division representative shall establish a health care record for each child and shall provide the out-of-home placement provider with a health care record, which documents health information concerning the child, including, but not limited to:

1. The names and addresses of the child's health care providers;
2. A record of the child's immunizations;
3. The child's known medical problems, if any, including the results of any lead tests;
4. The child's medications, if any;
5. The child's allergies, if any;
6. The child's birth and developmental history;
7. The family health history, if known and appropriate, in accordance with Federal regulations; and
8. The child's mental/behavioral health needs.

(c) The Division representative shall maintain a health care record for each child. The Division representative shall review and update the child's health record at the time of each placement into out-of-home placement.

(d) The Division representative shall provide the updated record to:

1. The out-of-home placement provider;

2. The child's parent upon reunification;
3. The adoptive parent or legal guardian;
4. The family court as part of the court report; and
5. The child upon exiting out-of-home placement at the time his or her case is closed.

(e) The Division representative shall ensure that the child shall receive a full medical examination within 60 days of placement.

(f) The Division representative shall assure that the child receives a medical examination at least annually after the initial medical examination performed at the time of placement and a dental examination at least semi-annually for each child age three years and older. The type and frequency of the examinations shall be based on the child's age and medical needs. The Division representative shall assure that each child with a suspected mental/behavioral health need receives a mental/behavioral health assessment and identified follow-up care. At a minimum, the child's examinations shall comply with the Early and Periodic Screening and Diagnostic Treatment periodicity schedule in accordance with N.J.A.C. 10:54-5.10 through 5.13.

(g) The out-of-home placement provider shall be responsible for arranging and providing care to meet the child's health needs, including, but not limited to, medical and dental examinations, ongoing care, mental/behavioral health services and follow-up care, as agreed to with the Division representative, and shall provide the Division representative with information concerning the child's health care, including mental/behavioral health care, and needs.

(h) The Division representative shall share health care information concerning the child with the child's parents, and the out-of-home placement provider, at the time of the child's placement or as soon as practical.

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